

Scottish Borders Area Command

The Lothians and Scottish Borders

Hawick and Hermitage Community Councils
Multi Member Ward Report for NOVEMBER 2025



The information provided within this report, is predominately based on the Hawick and Hermitage Multi Member Ward Policing Plan and the areas you have identified as priorities.

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only and is not official crime statistics. Due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, incidents or road accidents and the management of crime enquiries, there is likely to be differences between the information in this report and the final Police Scotland statistics. It would not be appropriate to refer to, quote or use any data in this report as official statistics.

Community Policing News – Hawick & Hermitage

There were 17 calls to Newcastleton in November including theft, vandalism, road traffic incidents and concern for persons. PC Patterson attended the Newcastleton Remembrance Parade. We are aware the rally which took place on the 22nd caused issues with road closures and will work with Scottish Borders Council regarding this for any possible future events.

PC Mortimer and PC Patterson have been carrying out regular patrols of the Common Haugh after concerns regarding antisocial behaviour. PC Mortimer visited several premises in the area to gage the extent of the problem. Some youths were identified by CCTV at Wilton Park and one male has been charged with vandalism. Response officers have also been tasked with patrols of the area when able to do so.

Chief Inspector Fletcher, Inspector Caverhill and Sgt Granger have met and spoken with elected members regarding the issue and they will continue to work together to find more permanent solutions.

Elsewhere, PC's Mortimer and Patterson have had a busy month, carrying out shoplifting and ASB patrols of numerous locations including Morrsions, Aldi, Sainsburys and Lidl. They have also been giving attention to Kenilworth Avenue, Fairhurst Drive and Mansfield Avenue areas to target ASB and off-road bikes. PC Mortimer has been attending Burnfoot Hub warm space initiative, giving him the opportunity to speak with residents and partner agencies who also attend. Speed checks have been carried out at Denholm, Ancrum and Southdean with parking patrols in the High Street and at Burnfoot, Wilton, Drumlanrig, Trinity and Denholm primary schools, and several parking tickets issued. They have traced and charged individuals responsible for shoplifting, vandalism and poaching. PC's Mortimer and Patterson have also been assisting response officers with emergency calls throughout the month, and carried out numerous licensed premises checks.

School Link Officers, PC Nichol and Flockhart were on leave for the majority of November, however PC Ryan Stewart has returned form Firearms Licensing and provided cover for both, which was invaluable.

Local Policing Priorities

- 1. Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World
- 2. Reducing violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
- 3. Reducing acquisitive crime
- 4. Improving road safety
- 5. Tackling serious and organised crime

Protecting Vulnerable People in a Physical & Digital World



In November 2025 Police in the Scottish Borders attended and were involved with around 184 mental health related calls, around 19 missing person enquiries and approximately 93 domestic related incidents.

Hawick and Hermitage area had 16 mental health related calls and 0 missing person enquiries. Due to GDPR and protection of victims/subjects involved; we are unable to share any more specific information in relation to these type of call within this report.

Police Scotland work in collaboration with key partners to assist the most vulnerable within the communities and to provide support.



Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour

Assault

On 01/11/2025 a report received that a male had been stabbed in Baker Street. Male arrested and charged with attempt murder and possession of a knife, held in custody for court

On 02/11/2025 a report of assault in Howegate. Male cautioned and charged and reports submitted

On 07/11/2025 report of a disturbance and assault at North Bridge Street. Enquiries ongoing.

On 21/11/2025 report of an assault at Ramsay Road. Reluctant complainer, relevant paperwork submitted.

On 28/11/2025 a report of assault in Teviot Crescent. Enquiries ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour

On 02/11/2025 a report of youths playing knock door run in Walters Wynd. Officers attended, no trace of youths.

On 04/11/2025 report of male shouting and making threats at Trinity Street. Caller stated whilst on call that male had now left area. No description given by caller as could not see male. No further calls.

On 07/11/2025 report of persons kicking front door at Walters Wynd. CCTV to be viewed, community officers seeking footage for identification.

On 08/11/2025 report of a disturbance at Trinity Street. Officers attended, both males in separate properties, ongoing issue. ASBO unit contacted.

On 09/11/2025 report of a disturbance at Trinity Street. Male arrested and charged with threating and abusive behaviour, relevant reports submitted.

On 11/11/2025 report of a disturbance at Howegate. Male banging on doors. Officers attended, no further issues.

On 12/11/2025 report of a disturbance at Cheviot Road. Officers attended to assist SSPCA and Council with ongoing issues. No crimes.

On 15/11/2025 report of group of male youths causing issues at North Bridge Street. Reporter telephoned, no answer, message left, no further calls.

On 16/11/2025 report of door kicked twice at Walters Wynd by unknown persons. Advice given to complainer.

On 16/11/2025 report of youths causing nuisance at High Street. Area searched, no trace of youths.

On 21/11/2025 report of a disturbance at Wetherspoons, Bourtree Place. Officers attended, nothing ongoing, female removed from premises, no complaints made.

On 30/11/2025 a report of youths causing a nuisance outside a takeaway on High Street. No trace of youths on arrival. Further enquiry by school link officer resulted in youths traced and spoken to in presence of parents

Vandalism/Vehicle Crime

On 04/11/2025 report of vandalism by unknown persons at Weensland Road. Relevant paperwork submitted.

On 10/11/2025 report of damage to a vehicle whilst parked at Kirkstyle. For further enquiry.

On 15/11/2025 report of damage to trees and signs pulled at Bonchester Bridge. For further enquiry.

On 17/11/2025 report of damage to the bothy situated at Leyburnsfoot at Riccarton. For further enquiry.

Hate Crime

On 22/11/2025 report of a hate crime at Fisher Avenue. Caller not engaging, ethical crime report raised.



Reducing Acquisitive Crime

Theft by Housebreaking

On 01/11/2025 a report of housebreaking in Northcote Street. For further enquiry.

Theft

On 04/11/2025 report of theft of alcohol from Morrison Supermarket, Mart Street. For further enquiry.

On 05/11/2025 report of theft of large trailer ramps from Steel Road End Cottage, Newcastleton. Enquiries ongoing.

On 06/11/2025 report of theft of steel garden railings from Upper Burnmouth, South of Bonchester.

Enquiries ongoing.

On 11/11/2025 report of theft of phone from Cheviot Road. Enquiries ongoing

On 12/11/2025 report of theft of tools from Clerkleap Cottage, Newcastleton. Enquiries ongoing.

On 17/11/2025 report of theft of alcohol from Morrisons, Mart Street. Police identified male from CCTV footage, male traced and issued with a fixed penalty for shoplifting.

On 20/11/2025 report of theft of fuel at Weensland Filling Station. Enquiries ongoing.

Robbery

On 29/11/2025 attempted robberies reported in Mart Street and in Havelock Street, where a knife was presented. Male arrested and held for court, relevant reports submitted.



Improving Road Safety

On 02/11/2025 – a driver was issued a fine for driving with no MOT in Hawick

On 04/11/2025 report of a road traffic collision at B6399 north of Hermitage Castle. Council contacted to resolve issues caused.

On 04/11/2025 report of a hit and run road traffic collision at Fisher Avenue. Enquiries ongoing.

On 07/11/2025 – a driver was issued a fine and penalty points for driving with no insurance in Hawick

On 09/11/2025 report of a road traffic collision at Wester Alemoor. Male taken to hospital to be checked over and vehicle recovered.

On 16/11/2025 report of a hit and run road traffic collision at Weensland Park. Enquiries ongoing.

On 16/11/2025 report of a hit and run road traffic collision at Scott Street, Newcastleton. Crime report raised, enquiries ongoing.

Killed or Seriously Injured

No accidents where persons were killed or seriously injured



Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime enforcement – November 2025

The Scottish Borders CID Proactive Unit executed 3 Drug & General Evidence Warrants during the month of October within the towns of Hawick, Jedburgh and Peebles as well as positive stop and searches in Hawick and Melrose. These resulted in the seizures of quantities of Class A/B controlled drugs and 4 figures sums of cash as well as a large cannabis cultivation. Five people were reported for drug related offences including proceeds of crime during the month.

Serious and organised crime impacts local communities across the Borders and anyone with information on criminal activity are asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, report it at any Police Station or report it anonymously via the Crime Stoppers Charity.

This information can be on any criminal matter but includes an individuals unexplained financial gain or wealth or persons who are vulnerable in our communities and being targeted or exploited by others for any reason.

Campaigns



With Christmas not far off, Police Scotland are focussing on online safety in the run up to the festive period:

Online Safety encourages people to think about what they are posting on social networking sites and to make sure their web browser and internet security is up to date.

Shop Safely by keeping presents out of sight in cars and being careful when using cash machines.

Party Safely messages include planning ahead for nights out, sticking with friends and being sensible about how much alcohol is consumed.

Feedback from a meeting/contacting your Community Policing Team

Anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively anonymously by calling **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555111**.

Should the Community Council wish to discuss any matters highlighted in the report, please contact:

<u>LothianScotBordersCPTHawickHermitage@scotland.pnn.police.uk</u>

We will endeavour to provide you with this information, however some information is sensitive and as an organisation we have to ensure compliance with GDPR.